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## DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.131

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## I, Christopher M. Rowden, hereby declare as follows:

- that I am the sole-inventor of the subject matter defined by the claims of the above-identified application;
- that on or prior to 5 June 2000, I invented the subject matter defined by the claims of the above-identified application;
- 4. that on or prior to 5 June 2000, I prepared or caused to be prepared an invention disclosure directed to such invention, and engaged the law firm of Long Aldridge & Norman" to prepare a patent application based on my invention, for submission to the United States Patent & Trademark Office;
- that on or prior to 5 June 2000, Mr. Kenneth D. Springer of "Long Aldridge & Norman" prepare a DRAFT of said patent application directed to my attention, and forwarded the same to me with a forwarding letter dated 5 June 200, a copy of which is attached hereto.

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> Re: DRAFT New U.S. Patent Application of Chris Rowden "METHOD AND SYSTEM OF PRODUCING A LANDSCAPE PLAN" Our Ref. 1874.20001 (LAN 001)

Dear Mr. Rowden.

In connection with the above-referenced matter, please find enclosed a DRAFT U.S. patent application consisting of 19 pages (an 17 page specification, claims, and abstract, and 2 pages of drawings). Please review this DRAFT application and provide your feedback, edits, comments, etc.

In particular, as we discussed when we first talked about this application, I need for you to furnish an exemplary land plan using the symbols according to your method, to be supplied as Figure 3 of the patent application. You may also replace Figure 2 if you have a better sample.

Once you have reviewed this DRAFT application, then I will prepare a final DRAFT application for final review prior to filing. At that time I will also provide a "Declaration & Power of Attorney" document for your signature. Please provide the full legal name, mailing address, city and state of residence, and citizenship of each inventor for this application. Also, I am assuming that you will be assigning the rights to this invention to Rowden Land Plan, Inc. If this is not correct, please let me know. With the final application, I will also provide an "Assignment" document and a "Verification of Small Entity Status" document which will entitle you a 50% reduction in fees at the Patent Office.

In the meantime, I await your feedback regarding this DRAFT patent application.

Best Regards.

Kenneth D. Springer

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